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Do My Will

Do you love the world? Do you love the things of this world? Is your heart and mind and life filled with fleshly desires that come from the world? Are your eyes captivated by all that the world offers? Are you living a pride filled life? I hope not. I would say not. Have I been tempted by the world and the things in it? I would say so. Have my eyes been captivated by what the world offers? I would say so. Have I been proud? I would say so. But, the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and the pride of life do not have control of my life. I have left these behind so that I could follow and serve you.

What makes you so certain that you do not love the world and the things of the world? I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. It is impossible to love you and the world at the same time. **That's true.** If I loved the world, love for you would not be in me. **That's right. What else?** I know you. There is no place I would rather be than in your presence. There is nothing I would rather do than to listen to you. I know your will. I am walking in your ways. It is my delight to do what pleases you. I will go wherever you send me. I will do whatever you ask of me. **That's very good.**

What can you be sure of because you know and love me? What can you be sure because you are going and doing my will? I can be sure that I will live forever. You are my Savior and Lord. You have given me a completely new life to live. This new life that you have given me to live began on the day that I stopped loving the world and started loving you. **Yes, it did. Keep on following and serving me. Keep on going to do my will.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I will not love the world or the things of the world. Instead, I will love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength. I know the world and all tis desires is passing away. Thank you that I can know your will and walk in your ways as I follow and serve you. Amen

Do Not Love The World

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Mixed Emotions – 1 John 2:15-17

In Context: Read 1 John 2

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture: *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

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What It Means: *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

When have you been tempted to love the things of this world?

Why must you choose between loving the world and loving your Heavenly Father?

How have you made it your decision to love your Heavenly Father rather than the things of the world?

Why can you be certain that the world and all its desires are passing away?

How are you making it the priority of your life to love God with all your heart?

What are you doing differently because you know and love your Heavenly Father?

Who is the person that can be certain that they will live forever?

Living It Out: *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Make it the priority of your life to love God with all your heart and mind and soul and strength.

Seeing It Happen: *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that you will know and do God’s will as you love Him with all your heart and mind and soul and strength.

Get Ready To Share: *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how are you are going and doing God’s will.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you not love the world so that you will be able to know and do God's will.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will not love the world so that I will be able to know and do your will.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what can I do for you today?
